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[ Israel: The death of Prime Minister Eshkol probably will not result in any immediate change in Israeli policies and seems likely to produce a three-way political struggle for succession.

The contenders are Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan--the two best known and popular candidates for the post of Prime Minister--and the "old guard" leaders headed by Labor Party Secretary General Pinhas Sapir, who controls the ruling Labor Party machinery.

Although Allon has been deputy prime minister and may succeed Eshkol until the fall elections, he was named primarily to block Dayan from power, and Sapir has been the real heir apparent to Eshkol. Sapir, however, although favored by the Labor Party establishment, is regarded as a "dove" in terms of a peace settlement and may be generally unacceptable to the Israeli public at the present time. Both Allon and Dayan are regarded as "hawks."

Over the longer run, Eshkol's death probably will result in the coming to power of the somewhat unpredictable but extremely popular Dayan. [REDACTED]

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